

## PULMONARY PATHOLOGY GROSSING GUIDELINES

**Specimen Type:** THYMECTOMY

**Gross Template:**

**MMODAL Command:** "INSERT THYMUS"

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It consists of a [\*\*\*] gram, [*measure in three dimensions in\*\*\**] cm [*partial/total\*\*\**] thymectomy. [*Describe orientation if provided/state if unoriented\*\*\**]. Sectioning reveals [*describe any lesions present including size, color, external appearance, relationship to capsule, calcification, necrosis, relationship to uninvolved thymus\*\*\**]. The remaining cut surfaces are [*yellow, smooth, lobulated, fatty, unremarkable\*\*\**]. The adherent adipose tissue is dissected through for lymph nodes. [*Describe number/size of lymph nodes identified\*\*\**]. All identified lymph nodes are entirely submitted and representative sections of the remaining specimen are submitted.

**INK KEY:**

[*ink external surface black if unoriented, if oriented designate specific inking*]

[*insert cassette summary\*\*\**]

**Cassette Submission:** 10-12 cassettes

- One cassette if incidentally removed
- One cassette per 1 cm of lesion/tumor
  - o Show relationship to capsule
  - o Show relationship to unremarkable parenchyma
- One cassette of unremarkable parenchyma
- Submit all lymph nodes identified
- Submit representative sections of other structures present (pleura, pericardium, etc.)
- **FOR THYMUS REMOVED IN PEDIATRIC HEART SURGERY PATIENTS**
  - o One representative cassette
    - No need to ink specimen